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TAGS: OVIP (LORD HARRIS OF GREENWICH), UK

SUBJECT: VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES BY LORD HARRIS,
MINISTER OF STATE AT THE HOME OFFICE

REF: LONDON 9012

1. LORD HARRIS ASKED POLITICAL COUNSELOR TO SEE HIM ON JUNE 27 TO DISCUSS HIS SEPTEMBER TRIP TO THE US. HARRIS ACCEPTED WITH PLEASURE INVITATION OF FBI DIRECTOR TO LUNCH ON SEPT 9 WHICH WAS CONVEYED IN DIRECTOR'S TELEGRAM TO EMBASSY'S FBI LIAISON JUNE 27. IN CONNECTION WITH FBI BRIEFINGS ON KIDNAPPING AND TERRORISM HARRIS SAID HE WOULD PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE DISCUSSION OF "TAKING OF HOSTAGES." IN THIS REGARD HE ALLUDED TO THE LESLIE WHITTLE KIDNAPPING CASE WHICH HE CLEARLY IMPLIED HAD NOT BEEN WELL HANDLED BY THE REGIONAL POLICE OFFICIALS INVOLVED. FURTHER, HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS URBAN TERRORISM.

2. HARRIS WOULD ALSO LIKE TO VISIT FBI REGIONAL OFFICE IN LOS ANGELES SOMETIME AFTER SEPTEMBER 10. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE ENTERTAINING LOS ANGELES POLICE CHIEF EDWARD DAVIS HERE IN LONDON IN MID-JULY, AND EXPECTED TO CALL ON DAVIS IN LOS ANGELES IN SEPTEMBER. (COMMENT:
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WE WOULD APPRECIATE AN INDICATION WHETHER IT IS FEASIBLE

TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HARRIS TO TALK WITH FBI OFFICERS
IN LOS ANGELES.)

3. HARRIS SAID HE WAS PLEASED THAT HE WOULD HAVE AN
OPPORTUNITY TO SEE SENIOR OFFICIALS IN THE STATE DEPART-
MENT ON SEPT 8 AND INQUIRED WHAT SORT OF PROGRAM WAS
ENVISIONED AT STATE. WE PROMISED TO INFORM HIM IN DUE
COURSE OF HIS PROGRAM AT THE DEPARTMENT. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. HARRIS PLANS TO LEAVE WASHINGTON FOR NEW YORK CITY
ON SEPT 10 WHERE HE HOPES TO SEE POLICE COMMISSIONER
Codd WITH WHOM HE IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS DIRECTLY.

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